

Organ Pipe Cactus

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Address & Phone	10 Organ Pipe Drive, Ajo, AZ 85321 (520) 387-6849 ext 7302 (Kris Eggle Visitor Center) Fax: (520) 387-7475 www.nps.gov/orpi
Park Established	April 12, 1937, by Presidential Proclamation of Franklin D. Roosevelt
Area Significance	Monument named for cactus species rarely found in the United States. Monument preserves a representative sample of the Sonoran Desert ecosystem and classic Basin-and-Range topography. Stark volcanic mountains, rocky canyons, and Sonoran Desert plants and animals typify this harsh and beautiful land.
Size	330,689 acres (516.74 square miles), with 95% designated wilderness
Location	Pima County, AZ. Headquarters and Kris Eggle Visitor Center located 34 miles south of Ajo, on State Highway #85 at Mile Post 75.2. (5 miles north of International Border at Lukeville, AZ/ Sonoyta, Mex.)
Major Features	Contains two of the six subdivisions of the Sonoran Desert ecosystem (Lower Colorado Desert and Arizona Upland); Organ Pipe, Saguaro, Senita, and several other cacti; many species of plants and wildlife found only in this section of the Sonoran Desert; is home to 3 endangered animal species and other plant and animal species of special concern; is a Globally Important Bird Area as designated by the American Bird Conservancy in 2001; preserves remnants of ice age vegetation; is the northernmost limit of several subtropical plants and animals.
Plants	28 species of cacti, 642 species of vascular plants
Wildlife	Amphibians & Reptiles 49 Birds 285 Fish 1 Mammals 54 (14 bats)
Annual Visitation	224,548 in 2014
Elevation	1670 ft. (Visitor center) – 4808 ft. (Mt. Ajo.)
Average Precipitation	8.80 inches (1950–2014)

Entry Fees

\$8.00 per private vehicle or motorcycle (7 day pass)
\$4.00 each per pedestrian or bicyclist (7 day pass)
Free entry upon presentation of Senior/Golden Age/
Access passes, Interagency Annual Pass (America the
Beautiful), or Organ Pipe Cactus Annual Pass and
identification.

Commercial bus: NOTE: these vehicles are too long to
travel monument roads. No entry fee is charged for use of
Kris Eggle Visitor Center, picnic area or nature trail.

Other commercial vehicles: The monument charges
each individual in a commercial group the per-person fee.
The driver and guide will not be charged an entrance fee.
Passes are accepted for entry as stated on the back of the
pass.

Camping

Twin Peaks Campground (main campground)

Regular sites (no reservations)

Group sites available (reservation/walk-up)

Fee \$12 per night; 50% discount upon presentation of
Senior/Golden Age/Access passes and identification.

Open daily, 34 tent-only sites and 174 places for RVs,
Maximum RV length 40 ft. Sites usually available.

Restrooms and water available. Solar showers. Dump
station. No hookups. Maximum stay 21 days.

Alamo Campground (primitive campground)

Fee \$8 per night; 50% discount upon presentation of
Senior/Golden Age/Access passes and identification.

Open daily, four tent-only sites, no water, fires not
permitted. Registrations must be made at the Visitor
Center. Maximum stay 8 days.

Backcountry Camping (4 areas)

Fee \$5.00 each permit. Obtain required permit at visitor
center. Campsite must be at least 1/2 mile away from
roads, structures.

Scenic Drives

Ajo Mountain, 21 mile loop, average time 2–2½ hours;
Road is dirt surface; designed for passenger vehicles;
not recommended for RVs and trailers over 25 ft.;
4WD not required.

Puerto Blanco Drive 41 mile round trip, average time
3½–4½ hours;

Road is dirt surface; recommended for high clearance
only.

Trails

6 Easy Trails 0.1–2 miles round trip
about 35 miles marked trails.